



THE DIRECTOR of DIBAF

HAVING SEEN the University Statute issued by Rectoral Decree no. 480 of 8 June 2012, pursuant to Law no. 240 of 30 December 2010, and subsequent amendments and integrations most recently enacted by Rectoral Decree no. 609 of 5 December 2024;

HAVING SEEN Ministerial Decree no. 773 of 10 June 2024, "General Guidelines for University Planning 2024-2026 and Indicators for Periodic Results Evaluation";

HAVING SEEN the University Teaching Regulations, issued by Rectoral Decree no. 823 of 16 October 2012, subsequently amended, most recently by Rectoral Decree no. 545 of 23 November 2023;

HAVING SEEN the University Regulations for the Stipulation of International Agreements and Access to Mobility Funds, issued by Rectoral Decree no. 496 of 13 May 2015, subsequently amended, most recently by Rectoral Decree no. 675 of 22 December 2022, and in particular Article 2 thereof;

HAVING SEEN the University Program resolved by the Academic Senate on 20 September 2024, concerning the 2024-2026 three-year planning, which provides, within Objective D - Being protagonists in an international dimension, total resources of euro 1,149,701 allocated to specific initiatives, including scholarships for international students;

HAVING SEEN the 2025-2027 Strategic Plan approved by the Governing Bodies in their sessions in January 2025, which includes a specific strategic objective related to strengthening the University's international dimension;

HAVING SEEN the 2025-2027 Integrated University Plan, approved by the Board of Directors in its session on 30 January 2025, which includes specific objectives related to internationalization among the "University's Strategic and Operational Objectives";

CONSIDERING that this expenditure commitment falls under the funds related to WANAKASET ITALIA SOCIETÀ AGRICOLA S.R.L. T;

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Call for applications for 4 Scholarships funded by WANAKASET ITALIA

reserved to International students from
selected Northern African countries enrolling
in the Master's Degree Programme Forestry
and Environmental Sciences in the a.y.
2026/2027

Deadline: July 15, 2026 at 11.59 pm (CET)

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ART.1 OBJECT

As part of the Agreement signed on 11 of July 2025 between the Department for Innovation in Biological Systems, Agri-food and Forestry (DIBAF) and WANAKASET ITALIA SOCIETÀ AGRICOLA S.R.L., that foresees that WAKANASET, in line with its social objectives, is committed to supporting the advanced training and internationalization of the Master's Degree program LM-73 in Forest and Environmental Science at the University of Tuscia, by funding scholarships designated for international students, the Department for Innovation in Biological Systems, Agri-food and Forestry (DIBAF), announces a public selection for the admission of international students of Algerian, Egyptian, Tunisian and Moroccan nationality enrolling for the Academic Year 2026-27 in the first year of the Master's Degree Program in Forestry and Environmental Sciences taught in English (<https://www.unitus.it/en/courses/second-cycle-degree/forestry-environmental-sciences/>).

The Department for Innovation in Biological Systems, Agri-food and Forestry will draw up a single ranking and will award 4 scholarships to the most deserving students. The scholarships will be funded by WANAKASET ITALIA SOCIETÀ AGRICOLA S.R.L. The scholarship will last for one year and amounts to a total of € 7,000.00, gross of charges to be borne by the beneficiary.

The scholarship is not among those exempt and will be subject to taxation according to current tax regulations based on the amounts progressively disbursed during the year, with the application of the deductions provided for income assimilated to employment which may reduce or eliminate the gross tax applied.

The disbursement period will be from 01.10.2026 to 30.09.2027.

Enrolment in years subsequent to the first, transfer from one-degree programme to another or transfer from one university to another, is not considered "*first enrolment*".

International students are students whose qualifications for admission to the chosen degree programme have been obtained at an institution not belonging to the Italian education system, regardless of the student's citizenship.

ART.2 DECLARATION OF VALUE

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Upon their arrival in Italy, applicants must hand in to the Student Secretary, Via S. Maria in Gradi n. 4, Viterbo, the original Degree certificates and the Transcript of Records, in Italian or English, authenticated by the Italian Diplomatic Mission in charge of the territory or with an Apostille, and the Declaration of Value issued by the Italian Diplomatic Representation in charge of their territory or, alternatively, the certification issued by the ENIC-NARIC (www.enic-naric.net) centres in Italian or English, such as the Statement of Verification (as an alternative to legalisation or Apostille) and the Statement of Comparability of foreign qualifications (as an alternative to the Declaration of Value) issued by CIMEA, with which the University of Tuscia has an agreement.

The student can request the aforementioned documents of the qualifications from the link <https://cimea.diplo-me.eu/unitus/#/auth/register>. The documents must be submitted to the **Student Secretariat**, Via S. Maria in Gradi n. 4, Viterbo, within **30 days from arrival and in any case no later than the first exam session of the academic year 2026/2027 (30 January 2027)**. Failure to submit the aforementioned documents within the deadline will result in the interruption of enrolment operations and therefore the impossibility of taking the exams. Enrolment operations may be completed only after the submission of the aforementioned documents.

ART.3 LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Students enrolling in the Master's degree programmes taught in English must present a minimum B2 level English certificate (IELTS, TOEFL, TCL, Cambridge First, PTE Academic, Oxford Test of English, Aptis ESOL General or Aptis Advanced) or present an official statement from the awarding University confirming that the Bachelor Degree was fully taught in English.

ART.4 ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for selection, under the penalty of exclusion, applicants must:

1. Hold Algerian, Egyptian, Moroccan or Tunisian nationality
2. Be born after 31/12/1995;
3. hold a Bachelor's degree issued by a foreign University or a recognized Higher Institution not before 2020;
4. hold B2 level of English language certificate (IELTS, TOEFL, TCL, Cambridge First, PTE Academic, Oxford Test of English, Aptis ESOL General or Aptis Advanced) or proof of having attended a three-year degree course entirely taught in English; lacking such certification, the student shall take an additional test as part of the Admission Interview.
5. not be enrolled at the University of Tuscia or at other Italian universities in first-cycle, second-cycle, or single-cycle degree courses;
6. have received the Letter of Acceptance issued by the Coordinator of the Master's Degree Course, as a positive response to the admission interview.

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7. have submitted the pre-enrolment application on the [Universitaly](#) portal by **27 July 2026**.

ART.5 SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship holders will benefit from:

- tuition fee reduction (value € 1,000.00); in any case the student must pay € 156.00 for duty stamp and regional tax;
- scholarship of € 7,000 (gross of IRAP 8.5% to be paid by the Institution), i.e. € 6,451.60 for one academic year (2026-2027) net of IRAP paid by the Institution. The scholarship is not among those exempt and will be subject to taxation according to current tax rules based on the amounts progressively disbursed during the year, with the application of the deductions provided for income assimilated to employment which may reduce or eliminate the gross tax applied. The costs of food and accommodation are the responsibility of the student.

The scholarship does not include accommodation. The International Student Office can provide information on accommodation agreements, but is not responsible for finding accommodation.

The scholarship will be disbursed in three instalments. The 1st instalment will be paid within 45 days of completing enrolment; the 2nd instalment will be disbursed by 31 March 2027 after the completion of 12 credits in the first semester; the 3rd instalment will be paid by 31 July 2027, after the University has verified that the beneficiary of the scholarship has regularly paid the rent and bills of the accommodation.

The amount of the scholarship will be calculated pro-rata based on the actual period of attendance of the student at Unitus, starting from the date of arrival.

Selected students must bear their own living expenses, travel expenses, health insurance (which must cover the entire duration of their stay in Italy), and other administrative expenses during the study program.

ART.6 INCOMPATIBILITY WITH OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS AND/OR CONTRIBUTIONS

The scholarships covered by this call cannot be combined with:

- Erasmus+ scholarships for incoming mobility;
- scholarships issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI);
- CRUI (Conference of Rectors of Italian Universities) contributions to beneficiaries of international protection;
- scholarships issued by foreign government bodies or institutions aimed at encouraging the enrolment of international students at Italian universities;
- scholarships provided by the institution for the right to study (LazioDiSCo)
- any other Scholarship issued by Unitus or any other Italian university.

ART.7 COMMISSION

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The evaluation of candidates will be carried out by a Commission appointed by a decree of the Director of DIBAF, composed of two professors of DIBAF and the responsible of the Educational Secretariat.

ART.8 DOCUMENTS FOR ADMISSION

Applicants are required to submit the following documentation translated into English or Italian (at this stage, when submitting the application it is not necessary to provide an official - sworn/certified - translation into Italian nor the relative legalisation or the "declaration of value" of the title). Legalised translation must be submitted only at the time of enrolment.

Mandatory documents

1. **Application form, to be filled out online at the following link:**
<https://forms.gle/7Jmjnk9AyuRVFXmr6>
2. Copy of a valid Passport;
3. Previous certificates of study (Bachelor's degree certificate);
4. Diploma supplement or transcript of records with the complete list of exams passed and corresponding grades, including the grading scale (minimum and maximum grade in the corresponding education system);
5. B2 level of English language certificate (IELTS, TOEFL, TCL, Cambridge First, PTE Academic, Oxford Test of English, Aptis ESOL General or Aptis Advanced) or proof of having attended a three-year degree course entirely taught in English; lacking such certification, the student shall take an additional test as part of the Admission Interview.
6. Academic biosketch, detailing educational background, internship experiences, undergraduate thesis work, and academic achievements.

Non mandatory documents

1. Admission letter received by the Coordinator of the Master's degree programme as a positive response to the admission interview.

ART.9 SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION

The application must be submitted by filling out the *online* form available at this link:
<https://forms.gle/7Jmjnk9AyuRVFXmr6>

Applicants must upload the required documents, by 15 July 2026 at 23:59 (Italian time), exclusively through the form available. If you have any technical problems, please contact the following address: sfa@unitus.it

Incomplete applications, applications that are not correctly completed, applications received after the deadline will not be accepted. In case of multiple applications sent from different email addresses, only the first application submitted in chronological order will be considered.

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ART.10 SELECTION PROCEDURE

Candidates are selected based on merit requirements through an evaluation process conducted by the Selection Committee. The selection process has two phases:

Phase 1: Documentation Review

The Selection Committee will perform a preliminary review and evaluation of all submitted candidate documentation. This phase assesses candidates based on the following criteria:

- Academic background (score: 1-10): consistency of the Bachelor's degree curriculum with the Master's degree topics and pre-requisites subjects (chemistry, plant biology, silviculture or equivalent)
- Bachelor Degree Cumulated Grade Point Average (score: 1-10) converted into the Italian grading system, calculated with the official formula provided by the Italian Ministry of Education ([Official Conversion formula](#))

The minimum score to be admitted to the interview is 12/20.

Phase 2: Interview

Candidates who pass Phase 1 will be invited to an interview to further evaluate their academic competencies and verify their level of English. This interview is scored from 1 to 10.

The interview is **scheduled for 20 July 2026 afternoon**. Notifications for time and link for interview will be sent to candidates via **email by July 17, 2026**. Candidates must present the passport or identity card they uploaded with their online application during the interview.

The minimum score required to pass the interview and be included in the final ranking is 6/10.

Establishment and approval of the final ranking list

The rankings are organised in descending order of score and the scholarships will be assigned according to the ranking.

In the event of a tie, preference shall be given to female candidates and to younger candidates.

The list of eligible candidates for the scholarship will be communicated by email and published on the <https://www.unitus.it/en/international/borse-di-studio-international-students/>.

ART.11 ACCEPTANCE

Candidates admitted and selected for a scholarship will receive specific communication by e-mail.

No later than 7 days from the date of receipt of notice of award of the study scholarship, in order to confirm the acceptance assignees must send an e-mail to didattica.dibaf@unitus.it to communicate his/her full acceptance without reserve of the study grant, at the conditions laid down in the call for applications. Failure to respond within the deadline will result in forfeiture from the ranking.

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In this statement, selected candidates must provide express confirmation, under their own full responsibility, that they do not fall within any of the conditions of incompatibility laid down in article 6 of this call for applications. He/she shall also commit to notify the University of Tuscia of any variation in the declared information which may arise during the year.

ART.12 PRE-ENROLMENT ON UNIVERSITALY

All candidates positioned within the final merit ranking—whether they are scholarship recipients or voluntarily opt to enrol as self-funded students—are entitled to proceed with the enrolment procedure for the Master's degree programme.

Admission Letters by the Coordinator of the Master's degree programme will be sent to all candidates in the final ranking list, in order to complete their pre-enrolment on the Universitaly web portal: <http://www.universitaly.it>.

For more information on the pre-registration procedure at the Italian diplomatic representations, please consult <http://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studentistranieri/>.

ART.13 ENROLMENT

The enrolment process is finalised in person by registering on the University's Student WEB Portal and by paying the registration fee of € 156.00 through the online Portal. Payment must be made by the deadline for enrolment set by the Tuition Fees and Contributions Regulations of the University of Tuscia for the academic year 2026/2027 ([Tuition fee and contributions Regulation of the University of Tuscia](#)), after submitting the original documents (see art. 2) to the International Students desk at the Student Secretariat.

Selected candidates are not automatically enrolled in their chosen master's degree programme.

Selected candidates are required to comply with the applicable provisions and deadlines, including the enrolment rules established by the [Circular of the Ministry of University and Research on the access of foreign students to university degree programmes](#).

Winners will receive the benefits on a bank account of the SEPA circuit only at the end of the enrolment procedures, which take place upon their arrival in Viterbo, and after paying the registration fee of € 156.00 (duty stamp and regional tax). Applicants will receive detailed information from the International Student Office on the procedure to follow to complete their enrolment.

ART.14 HEALTH INSURANCE

The scholarship holder, who does not already have one, is required to independently take out a health insurance to cover any expenses for illnesses and accidents in Italy.

ART.15 RANKING LISTS AND ASSIGNMENT OF AVAILABLE PLACES

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In the event of vacancies, the University reserves the right to assign benefits to candidates who meet the admission requirements indicated above (*Art. 4 Admission Requirements*) by scrolling through the ranking list.

In the event that the ranking list of this selection procedure is exhausted, the Department for Innovation in Biological Systems, Agri-food and Forestry (DIBAF) reserves the right to award scholarships to international students enrolled in first year of the Master's Degree Program in Forestry and Environmental Sciences. The assignment will be made on the basis of academic merit and exams completed in the first semester.

ART.16 WITHDRAWAL

Candidates selected as **winners can withdraw from the scholarship** by sending an email to didattica.dibaf@unitus.it **by August 10, 2026**. In case of withdrawal, the scholarship will be awarded to the next eligible candidate in the ranking.

ART.17 INFORMATION ON THE PROCESSING OF DATA

In compliance with the European data protection policy, the personal data collected is processed as described on the following page available at <https://www.unitus.it/ateneo/privacy/>.

Applicants give their consent to publish their passport/identity card number in the final list of applicants admitted to the selection on the website: <https://www.unitus.it/en/international/borse-di-studio-international-students/>.

The Administration reserves the right to verify the veracity of the information provided. Without prejudice to the penal sanctions referred to in Article 76 of Presidential Decree no. 445/2000, in the event of the detection of fraudulent information as a result of such verification, the candidate forfeits the right to the scholarship.

ART.18 PUBLICATION OF THE CALL

This call will be published on the website <https://www.unitus.it/en/international/borse-di-studio-international-students/>.

ART.19 PERSON IN CHARGE OF THE PROCEDURE

The person in charge of the procedure for this call is Dr. Tania Meschini, Responsible for Educational Secretariat of the Department for Innovation in Biological Systems, Agri-food and Forestry (DIBAF) (email: didattica.dibaf@unitus.it) of the University of Tuscia.

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For any additional information please contact the Educational Secretariat of DIBAF of the University of Tuscia (email: didattica.dibaf@unitus.it).

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Its purpose is to provide foreign students with necessary information. It has no legal value. In the event of disputes or disagreements, the Italian version of this call prevails.

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